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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.

TREND ESTIMATE

Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.

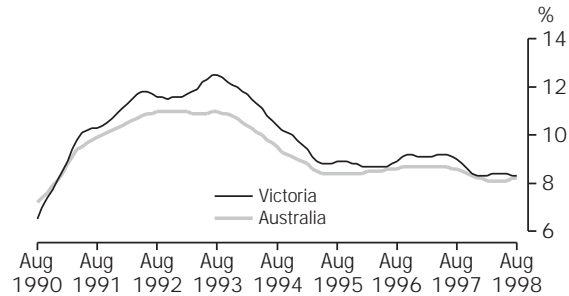
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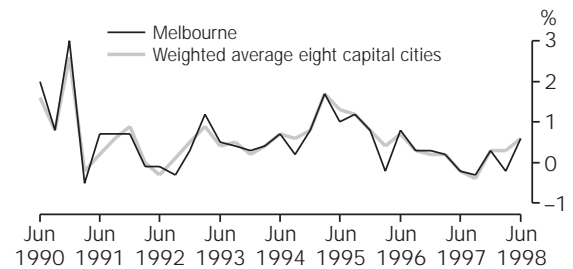
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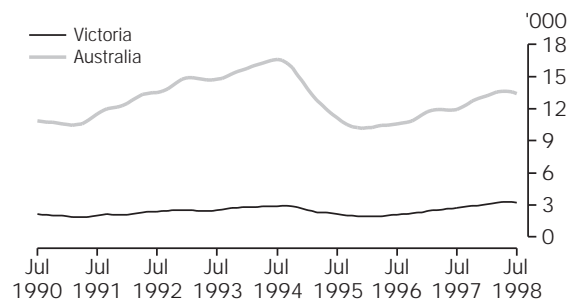
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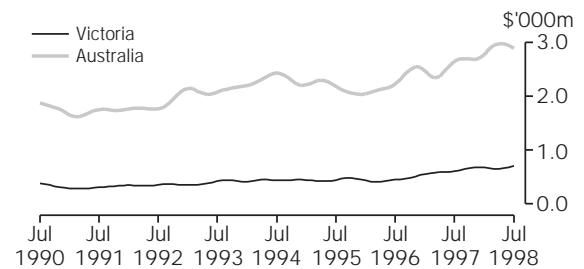
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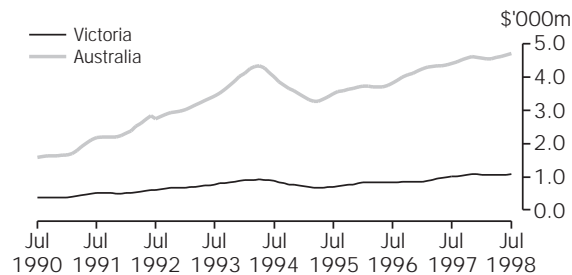
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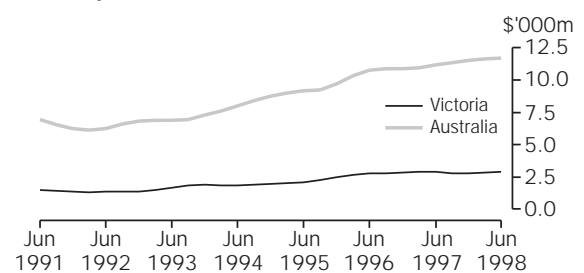
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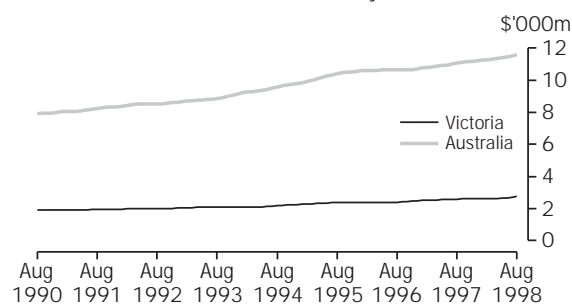
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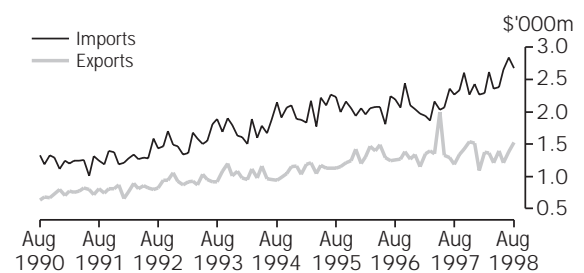
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1994-95	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	29.8	3 243.7
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97 p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	28.3	45.0	3 321.7
1996						
December qtr p	2 262.5	2 318.8	4 581.3	7.1	10.2	..
1997						
March qtr p	2 269.9	2 326.2	4 596.1	7.6	14.8	..
June qtr p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	7.3	9.1	..
September qtr p	2 280.4	2 337.0	4 617.4	6.4	12.3	..
December qtr p	2 284.9	2 342.4	4 627.3	7.7	9.8	..
1998						
March qtr p	2 297.7	2 352.7	4 648.4	7.8	21.1	..

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1994-95	63 617	32 271	26 831	11 602	14.14	7.17	5.96	2.58	4.95
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97 p	61 187	32 876	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.18	5.60	2.85	4.53
1996									
December qtr	14 987	7 852	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1996	60 751	32 901	26 074	12 491	13.32	7.21	5.72	2.74	5.20
1997									
March qtr p	15 012	7 434	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	15 643	8 376	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997	61 921	32 943	25 456	12 463	13.45	7.15	5.53	2.71	4.88
1998									
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed looking for work</i>			<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES										
1997										
June	1 033.1	1 182.8	104.0	15.8	119.8	1 302.6	476.0	1 778.6	9.2	73.2
July	1 039.7	1 185.2	98.3	14.0	112.3	1 297.5	483.0	1 780.6	8.7	72.9
August	1 022.4	1 168.7	100.2	15.2	115.4	1 284.0	498.5	1 782.5	9.0	72.0
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3
1998										
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5
May	1 060.1	1 217.7	93.7	16.0	109.7	1 327.4	472.7	1 800.1	8.3	73.7
June	1 048.7	1 213.3	92.3	12.4	104.7	1 318.0	484.2	1 802.2	7.9	73.1
July	1 055.8	1 212.5	89.2	13.5	102.7	1 315.2	488.8	1 804.1	7.8	72.9
August	1 046.0	1 202.0	87.4	16.4	103.8	1 305.8	500.0	1 805.9	8.0	72.3
FEMALES										
1997										
June	512.1	921.1	60.6	27.0	87.6	1 008.8	848.3	1 857.1	8.7	54.3
July	523.1	917.8	56.3	25.7	82.0	999.8	859.3	1 859.0	8.2	53.8
August	498.5	891.5	57.8	29.0	86.7	978.2	882.7	1 861.0	8.9	52.6
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4
1998										
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6
May	522.7	935.1	55.3	24.4	79.6	1 014.7	863.7	1 878.4	7.8	54.0
June	523.2	941.4	52.9	30.8	83.6	1 025.1	855.6	1 880.7	8.2	54.5
July	535.5	940.4	53.8	28.9	82.8	1 023.2	859.4	1 882.6	8.1	54.4
August	535.9	949.7	50.3	30.9	81.2	1 030.9	853.6	1 884.5	7.9	54.7
PERSONS										
1997										
June	1 545.2	2 103.9	164.6	42.9	207.5	2 311.4	1 324.4	3 635.7	9.0	63.6
July	1 562.8	2 103.0	154.6	39.7	194.3	2 297.3	1 342.3	3 639.6	8.5	63.1
August	1 520.9	2 060.2	157.9	44.2	202.1	2 262.3	1 381.2	3 643.5	8.9	62.1
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.1	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1
1998										
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8
May	1 582.8	2 152.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	2 342.1	1 336.4	3 678.5	8.1	63.7
June	1 571.9	2 154.8	145.2	43.2	188.3	2 343.1	1 339.8	3 682.9	8.0	63.6
July	1 591.3	2 152.9	143.1	42.5	185.5	2 338.4	1 348.2	3 686.7	7.9	63.4
August	1 581.9	2 151.7	137.7	47.3	185.0	2 336.7	1 353.7	3 690.4	7.9	63.3

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

	May 1997	Aug 1997	Nov 1997	Feb 1998	May 1998	Aug 1998
<i>Industry division</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	70.2	58.7	55.9	68.0	62.1	52.2
Mining	*3.0	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2
Manufacturing	253.0	249.8	250.3	247.5	242.5	245.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.4	13.4	9.9	11.6	12.6	13.8
Construction	104.9	110.9	115.9	121.6	128.6	127.0
Wholesale trade	92.4	—	88.0	92.1	104.6	98.9
Retail trade	157.5	150.6	158.4	159.7	150.7	151.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	35.2	37.0	37.6	31.9	39.4	40.7
Transport and storage	78.4	74.8	73.5	82.9	79.0	72.4
Communication services	25.2	24.5	22.4	22.1	22.2	25.0
Finance and insurance	43.3	42.8	46.3	42.3	40.0	43.5
Property and business services	121.3	130.8	130.7	130.1	134.8	148.8
Government administration and defence	33.4	29.2	38.4	37.4	36.1	35.7
Education	47.6	48.4	52.9	49.1	49.9	41.2
Health and community services	35.6	37.5	39.7	36.4	40.1	38.2
Cultural and recreational services	21.5	25.8	28.3	28.2	26.3	25.4
Personal and other services	48.4	47.0	42.5	38.3	45.5	39.2
Total	1 183.3	1 168.7	1 194.0	1 202.5	1 217.7	1 202.0
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	35.2	28.0	30.8	35.4	31.8	26.4
Mining	*0.0	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8
Manufacturing	95.7	93.7	107.4	95.2	97.9	95.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.1	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6	*2.9	*3.7
Construction	14.1	15.0	15.8	16.5	13.6	17.5
Wholesale trade	41.4	38.1	41.5	39.5	40.6	46.4
Retail trade	151.3	150.0	157.8	160.5	156.5	155.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.9	49.0	47.9	46.3	49.3	48.9
Transport and storage	23.9	18.1	18.7	19.8	18.2	16.2
Communication services	14.0	16.8	15.9	14.2	12.4	13.8
Finance and insurance	49.8	47.8	42.2	40.5	48.1	54.5
Property and business services	94.6	107.6	101.5	105.3	108.3	108.0
Government administration and defence	41.7	39.3	41.9	34.1	35.9	40.0
Education	89.2	90.7	89.0	85.9	95.5	94.3
Health and community services	145.1	144.7	148.9	158.2	160.6	157.6
Cultural and recreational services	21.9	19.4	25.3	21.8	26.0	28.3
Personal and other services	39.6	31.4	35.0	37.9	37.1	42.6
Total	907.5	891.5	922.1	913.8	935.1	949.7
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	103.4	86.8	86.7	103.4	93.9	78.6
Mining	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1
Manufacturing	348.7	343.5	357.7	342.6	340.4	340.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	14.5	15.2	11.9	14.2	15.6	17.5
Construction	119.0	125.9	131.7	138.1	142.2	144.5
Wholesale trade	133.8	123.1	129.5	131.6	145.2	145.3
Retail trade	308.8	300.5	316.2	320.2	307.2	307.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	85.1	86.0	85.5	78.1	88.7	89.6
Transport and storage	102.3	92.9	92.2	102.8	97.2	88.6
Communication services	39.1	41.3	38.3	36.3	34.6	38.8
Finance and insurance	93.1	90.6	88.5	82.8	88.1	98.0
Property and business services	215.9	238.5	232.2	235.4	243.0	256.8
Government administration and defence	75.1	68.5	80.3	71.5	72.0	75.8
Education	136.8	139.0	142.0	135.0	145.4	135.5
Health and community services	180.7	182.2	188.6	194.6	200.7	195.8
Cultural and recreational services	43.4	45.2	53.6	50.0	52.3	53.8
Personal and other services	88.0	78.4	77.6	76.2	82.6	81.8
Total	2 090.8	2 060.2	2 116.1	2 116.3	2 152.8	2 151.7

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons '000	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate %
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
1997						
February	12.8	*3.3	9.5	1.7	*11.1	0.75
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly). Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime (Unpublished data).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost				
	Beginning in period no.	Total no.	Beginning in period '000	Total '000	Manufacturing '000	Construction '000	Education, health, community services '000	Other industries '000	Total '000
1997									
April	11	12	4.7	5.1	9.2	1.5	—	0.5	11.2
May	16	19	7.6	9.8	11.6	0.6	0.4	3.9	16.5
June	7	13	2.0	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.2	2.5	7.4
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
1998									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	7	9	2.9	19.5	0.1	17.7	0.0	0.4	18.2

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
Month	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1997									
February	726.60	782.50	687.70	611.90	625.90	462.40	687.70	729.40	590.00
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Melbourne										Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	
1994–95	110.1	107.4	97.5	111.1	118.8	137.3	142.4	116.7	114.1	113.9
1995–96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1997										
March qtr	118.8	108.1	93.5	114.6	125.1	158.4	158.4	125.2	120.1	120.5
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0
1998										
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0

Note: Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1997			1998			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Jun qtr 1998
	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.4	115.3	117.1	116.6	117.6	118.0	119.0
Other than house building							
Structural timber	116.1	110.1	115.6	115.3	115.8	116.8	124.1
Clay bricks	112.1	113.1	117.9	116.1	119.6	119.7	117.3
Ready mix concrete	118.6	111.5	111.4	111.4	111.5	111.3	107.0
Precast concrete products	108.1	110.3	115.7	112.4	115.0	123.5	123.4
Steel decking and cladding	109.9	109.2	109.4	110.5	108.3	108.3	114.3
Structural steel	100.9	104.2	104.9	105.1	104.7	104.8	112.8
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	102.7	100.7	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	112.1
Aluminium windows	100.8	100.6	100.0	100.7	99.2	99.7	109.8
Fabricated steel products	113.1	116.7	120.0	119.5	120.6	120.6	116.1
Builders' hardware	114.5	116.5	119.6	119.5	119.8	120.3	121.5
Sand and aggregate	114.6	115.9	116.3	116.4	116.0	116.4	120.7
Carpet	101.6	101.6	102.6	102.9	102.9	101.5	103.0
Paint and other coatings	141.2	145.8	144.7	143.5	143.5	148.3	137.7
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	112.2	111.5	113.0	118.7	110.2	109.4	134.6
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	109.7	110.0	111.0	110.9	110.9	111.5	114.4
All electrical materials	119.4	112.0	109.8	109.8	110.3	108.6	115.5
All mechanical services	114.1	115.0	114.9	114.8	114.6	115.2	116.0
All plumbing materials	118.9	120.1	122.8	124.3	122.8	122.3	128.2
All groups	111.1	110.9	111.4	111.3	111.4	111.8	114.5

Note: Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Chickens(a)</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
1994-95	1 467.3	635.6	3 229.6	6 303.2	1 196.9	77 193.1
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1	85 410.9
1996-97 p	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3	86 732.6
1997 p						
May	155.0	55.8	226.7	519.1	113.5	6 867.5
June	139.3	75.1	175.8	475.1	105.4	6 692.3
July	148.3	105.2	192.3	541.0	118.8	8 263.5
August	132.2	185.5	195.8	452.2	104.2	7 152.4
September	129.4	178.5	234.5	537.6	108.1	7 546.2
October	147.3	80.0	322.7	582.7	107.9	8 442.6
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9	7 187.8
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7	8 240.7
1998 p						
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7	8 063.1
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4	7 695.9
March	158.9	21.3	365.5	506.8	120.4	8 175.4
April	163.2	33.7	268.6	547.4	120.8	8 538.9
May	141.2	41.9	183.5	478.4	128.3	7 596.2
June	146.9	64.4	203.1	481.0	134.5	7 239.7
July	156.4	95.0	220.7	580.6	135.0	n.a.

(a) From July 1998 frequency of data collection for chicken statistics changed from monthly to quarterly.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) Unpublished data.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	<i>Meat (carcass weight)</i>					<i>Dressed weight of chickens(a)</i>
	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	
<i>Period</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
1994-95	335 059	14 428	64 440	111 202	84 728	109 515
1995-96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052	127 736
1996-97 p	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872	129 930
1997 p						
May	33 598	1 102	4 315	9 849	8 245	10 367
June	30 312	1 442	3 474	9 036	7 694	9 999
July	31 773	2 060	3 733	10 112	8 594	13 039
August	28 256	3 658	3 773	8 498	7 596	10 842
September	28 241	3 565	4 663	10 001	7 943	11 910
October	31 971	1 618	6 521	10 759	8 003	13 479
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211	11 500
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100	13 215
1998 p						
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577	13 076
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393	12 372
March	35 013	454	6 917	9 248	8 702	13 438
April	34 408	705	4 872	10 294	8 840	13 519
May	30 084	839	3 500	9 114	9 310	12 491
June	31 220	1 318	3 873	9 063	10 035	11 548
July	34 631	1 862	4 336	11 142	10 100	n.a.

(a) From July 1998 frequency of data collection for chicken statistics changed from monthly to quarterly.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) Unpublished data.

Period	New dwelling units(a)						Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector		Public sector		Total(c)				Private sector	Total	Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1995-96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5
1996-97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2
1997-98	26 500	3 027.1	723	56.0	27 223	3 083.1	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 377.3
1997											
May	1 963	241.9	23	1.2	1 986	243.2	70	49.0	106.4	136.6	428.8
June	1 746	214.7	4	0.2	1 750	214.9	300	74.2	103.0	351.4	640.4
July	2 010	218.1	38	1.9	2 048	220.0	25	51.1	132.1	176.2	447.3
August	2 490	256.0	78	7.4	2 568	263.4	55	54.2	122.8	142.0	459.7
September	2 174	241.9	61	4.2	2 235	246.1	222	68.5	173.5	192.1	506.7
October	1 807	203.9	77	7.0	1 884	210.9	64	69.0	180.0	238.3	518.2
November	2 451	291.8	71	4.9	2 522	296.7	52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.5
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2	60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3
1998											
January	1 858	230.9	23	1.5	1 881	232.4	74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.7
February	2 034	219.8	25	2.0	2 059	221.8	65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.6
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1	77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0
April	2 487	297.1	55	3.7	2 542	300.7	47	66.1	172.9	254.2	621.0
May	2 247	267.8	122	9.3	2 369	277.1	224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7	64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7
July	2 225	257.0	45	2.9	2 270	260.0	134	62.7	142.1	162.2	484.9
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1995-96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3
1996-97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2
1997-98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8
1997											
May	2 565	298.9	37	2.2	2 602	301.1	74	62.5	135.6	178.3	541.9
June	2 255	264.5	11	0.6	2 266	265.0	302	84.6	120.3	382.1	731.8
July	2 563	275.5	42	2.3	2 605	277.8	27	62.9	161.8	227.9	568.6
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7	57	65.7	159.5	184.5	573.9
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8	225	83.6	209.9	242.2	640.6
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0	64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1	54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4	65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2
1998											
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7	77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5	66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0	84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0	49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6	255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0	66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3	138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1994-95	25 885	25 846	10 668	27 380	4 033	3 612	2 765	2 892
1995-96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1996								
December qtr	4 456	4 139	7 624	5 081	1 524	1 238	4 046	1 294
1997								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	5 717	9 537	5 102	1 973	1 822	3 874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	5 992	11 595	5 117	1 938	1 722	4 666	1 160

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						Total
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1994-95	2 907.7	678.6	323.4	211.4	384.2	293.3	140.8	583.8	5 523.2
1995-96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
1996-97	2 692.2	761	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
1996									
December qtr	587.6	184.3	72.3	80.4	111.1	66.2	49.8	275.6	1 427.3
1997									
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5
June qtr	789.7	235	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7
December qtr r	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4
1988									
March qtr	845.0	186.2	48.7	53.9	91.6	63.8	42.0	272.4	1 603.5
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1994-95	1 450.8	354.3	480.6	142.9	241.9	217.3	251.0	1 092.6	4 231.4
1995-96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
1996									
December qtr	1 402.4	284.5	249.8	183.6	201.8	224.3	157.9	1 594.5	4 298.8
1997									
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1
December qtr r	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6
1988									
March qtr	2 030.4	374.4	125.4	161.0	215.8	305.6	250.4	1 393.7	4 856.7
COMPLETED									
1994-95	2 882.5	709.8	313.6	253.1	290.7	228.8	387.3	521.5	5 587.3
1995-96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
1996									
December qtr	710.6	200.5	106.0	110.8	79.2	103.1	39.0	220.4	1 569.5
1997									
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5
December qtr r	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1
1988									
March qtr	666.3	219.9	99.4	59.0	78.6	131.0	96.2	195.0	1 545.4

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1997-98	861	3 381	6 900	11 142	2 863	8 279
1997						
March qtr	162	772	1 613	2 547	789	1 758
June qtr	170	880	2 176	3 226	761	2 465
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr	295	906	1 898	3 099	784	2 314
1998						
March qtr	163	756	r 1 527	r 2 446	r 615	r 1 831
June qtr	239	944	1 913	3 096	769	2 327
EXPECTED						
1997-98	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
1998-99	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender		
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997										
March	92.8	369.0	183.2	84.8	707.3	1 437.2	1 113.6	2 550.8	2 203.7	347.1
April	76.8	355.2	166.4	79.3	443.5	1 121.3	2 092.8	3 214.1	2 862.2	387.9
May	78.7	738.2	154.5	90.2	863.5	1 925.1	2 425.8	4 350.9	3 738.8	612.1
June	75.4	408.9	172.8	120.2	824.8	1 602.2	2 232.2	3 834.4	2 929.6	904.8
July	134.1	439.1	178.7	148.9	1 162.2	2 063.0	2 470.0	4 533.0	3 757.0	776.0
August	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0	832.3
September	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9	556.0
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7	948.0
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0	482.9
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0	591.3
1998										
January	76.8	483.4	121.9	83.1	372.6	1 137.8	1 359.6	2 497.4	2 154.8	342.6
February	116.4	425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	1 502.3	2 150.7	3 653.0	2 757.5	895.5
March	220.0	r 446.7	r 161.1	91.2	r 505.5	r 1 424.6	r 1 773.0	r 3 197.7	r 2 508.1	r 689.6
April	75.1	r 418.3	121.4	90.5	744.2	r 1 449.5	2 033.0	r 3 482.6	2 496.7	r 985.9
May	124.6	490.1	117.5	157.3	1 263.4	2 152.8	1 592.5	3 745.3	3 129.8	615.5

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1997						
May	10 302	1 018	9 796	972	9 635	960
June	10 081	1 022	9 784	992	9 733	982
July	10 199	1 039	9 564	955	9 803	1 003
August	9 890	1 031	9 777	1 040	9 858	1 022
September	10 063	1 060	10 138	1 047	9 926	1 041
October	10 529	1 109	9 927	1 051	10 025	1 059
November	9 583	1 019	10 074	1 091	10 124	1 071
December	10 192	1 090	10 086	1 054	10 157	1 072
1998						
January	8 187	878	10 393	1 089	r 10 129	1 066
February	9 961	1 028	10 242	1 076	r 10 070	r 1 059
March	10 197	1 080	9 872	1 027	r 10 019	1 056
April	9 780	1 011	9 687	1 017	r 9 989	r 1 057
May	9 986	1 063	9 709	1 070	r 9 989	r 1 062
June r	11 126	1 184	10 704	1 125	10 011	1 068
July	10 543	1 147	9 865	1 051	10 031	1 072

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997								
June	1 028.5	200.4	147.1	333.1	134.8	235.7	288.4	2 367.9
July	1 069.4	226.3	164.2	331.4	139.6	254.6	305.0	2 490.5
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.7	144.1	268.8	307.6	2 473.0
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.6	371.9	3 455.3
1998								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8
June	1 054.9	211.7	183.6	298.0	135.8	264.8	324.3	2 473.1
July	1 144.1	255.2	200.4	312.9	151.8	284.7	348.5	2 697.6
August	1 118.3	213.4	180.8	303.6	161.5	283.8	357.3	2 618.6

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1997/98		2 months ending Aug 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	3 604	201	598
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	22	30
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	r1866	110	223
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	774	938	162	119
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	13	17
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	r915	528	151
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 317	r2365	812	455
7 Machinery and transport equipment	r12436	r2970	2 310	482
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 007	r977	1 011	167
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	1 391	2 026	346	667
Total	28 840	15 931	5 516	2 909

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttraccs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996/97		1997/98		2 months ending Aug 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	242	66	243	91	42	30
Brazil	125	81	134	76	19	14
Canada	394	123	390	122	76	20
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	475	84
Fiji	119	236	133	245	32	37
Finland	169	8	193	12	33	2
France	711	162	631	168	113	18
Germany	1 923	280	2 116	268	385	64
Hong Kong	267	812	338	1 073	65	157
India	231	239	256	188	55	46
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	296	28
Italy	832	320	963	396	191	44
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	r 1 683	734	264
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	878	1 039	183	109
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	135	57
Mexico	64	52	80	77	15	11
Netherlands	237	39	254	81	47	15
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	r 1 551	223	251
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	15	7
Papua New Guinea	232	269	163	235	7	32
Philippines	108	372	135	388	26	55
Saudi Arabia	203	168	106	210	16	45
Singapore	468	893	490	989	88	129
South Africa	100	292	147	272	22	45
Sweden	502	65	585	41	82	4
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	60	6
Taiwan	792	696	852	r655	164	137
Thailand	335	412	399	341	77	52
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	r453	372	514
United States of America	5 944	958	7 024	r 1 603	1 159	235
Other and unknown	1 359	1 710	1 645	r 2 097	309	397
Total	25 093	16 306	28 840	15 931	5 516	2 909

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995/96	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
1996/97	25 093	16 306	-8 787	78 998	r 78 932	r -66
1997/98	28 840	15 931	-12 909	r 90 673	r 87 762	r -2 911
1997						
June	2 064	1 322	-742	6 876	r 6 838	r -38
July	2 361	1 286	-1 075	7 419	7 131	-288
August	2 264	r 1 183	r -1 081	7 048	7 186	138
September	2 338	1 344	-994	7 355	7 205	-150
October	2 604	1 420	-1 184	7 944	7 628	-316
November	2 263	1 541	-722	7 184	r 7 634	r 450
December	2 425	1 509	-916	7 915	7 821	-94
1998						
January	2 268	1 093	-1 175	7 109	r 6 303	r -806
February	2 294	1 377	-917	r 6 956	r 6 668	r -288
March	2 618	1 356	-1 262	8 188	7 310	-878
April	r 2 362	1 212	r -1 150	7 438	r 7 195	r -243
May	2 387	r 1 402	r -985	r 7 658	r 7 949	r 291
June	2 655	r 1 208	r -1 447	r 8 461	r 7 730	r -731
July	r 2 845	r 1 380	r -1 465	r 8 917	r 7 479	r -1 438
August	2 671	1 529	-1 142	8 161	7 726	-435

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1997							
March	647	26 667	73 512	1 494.3	62.3	14 842	165 101
June	650	27 170	75 353	1 365.9	55.7	22 630	145 443
September	663	27 476	76 123	1 410.1	55.8	22 746	160 195
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0).

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